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# SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES AND REGULATIONS APPLYING TO INMATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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- N New
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#### 1. **DEFINITIONS**

For the purpose of this tariff, the following definitions will apply:

AdvanceConnect Account – An account that is established with the Company by an initial payment by an End User which permits an Inmate User to access the Company's services to make prepaid Collect Calls.

<u>Authorization Code</u> – A pre-defined series of numbers to be dialed by the Inmate User or Authorized User upon access to the Carrier's system to identify the caller and validate the caller's authorization to use the services provided.

<u>Authorized User</u> – A person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity who is authorized by the Confinement Facility to be connected to and utilize the Carrier's services under the terms and regulations of this tariff.

<u>Called Party</u> – The person, individual, corporation, or other entity whose telephone number is called by the Inmate User. Other than for Prepaid Service calls, the Called Party accepts responsibility for payment of the charges for use of the Company's services.

<u>Collect Calls</u> – Calls billed not to the originating telephone number, but to the called telephone number upon acceptance, via an automated interface, of the call for which charges are billed.

<u>Commission</u> – Used throughout this tariff to mean the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Common Carrier - A company or entity providing telecommunications services to the public.

Company – Evercom Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation, also referred to as the Carrier.

<u>Confinement Facility</u> – Used throughout this tariff to refer to any place designated by law for the confinement of persons held in custody under process of law, under lawful arrest or under mental treatment, including a facility for the detention of juveniles.

<u>Customer</u> – The person or entity responsible for the payment of charges for services offered under this tariff.

<u>End User</u> – The person, individual, corporation, or other entity whose telephone number is called by the Inmate User. Other than for Inmate Prepaid Service calls, the End User accepts responsibility for payment of the charges for use of the Company's services.

Inmate User – A person incarcerated in a facility serviced by the Carrier who is authorized by the Carrier's Confinement Facility to be connected to and utilize services under the terms and regulations of this tariff.

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Local Access and Transport Area (LATA) - The term "Local Access Transport Area" denotes a geographic area established by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in Civil Action No. 82-0192.

Measured Charge - A charge assessed on a per minute basis in calculating the charges for a completed call. Measured Charges are specified as a rate per minute which applies to each minute, with fractional minutes of use counted as one full minute.

Prepaid Balance – A balance that is established with an initial payment by an Inmate User, Authorized User or End User for Prepaid Service. Applicable charges are deducted from the Prepaid Balance on a real-time basis.

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Prepaid Calling Card - A calling card issued by the Company which provides the Inmate User or Authorized User with a Prepaid Balance, an Authorization Code and instructions for accessing the Company's services. The Inmate User or Authorized User purchases usage on a set prepaid basis.

Prepaid Card Call – A service whereby the Inmate User or Authorized User dials all of the digits necessary to route and bill a call placed from a location other than his/her residence or normal place of business. Service is accessed via a "1-800" or other access code dialing sequence. Usage charges for Prepaid Card Calls are deducted from the Inmate User's or Authorized User's Prepaid Debit Account on a real time basis.

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<u>Prepaid Debit Account</u> - An account that is established with an initial payment by an Inmate User (T)(M) for Prepaid Service. The Inmate User is provided with a Prepaid Balance, Authorization Code and instructions for accessing the Company's services.

Prepaid Service – A service whereby the Inmate User or the End User accepts responsibility for payment of the charges for use of the Company's services, which includes Prepaid Calling Cards, Prepaid Debit Accounts, and Prepaid Collect Accounts.

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Service Charge - A non-measured (fixed) charge which is added to a Measured Charge in calculating the total tariff charges due to a complete call.

Station- Any location from which calls may be placed or received.

Telecommunications - The transmission of voice communications or, subject to the transmission capabilities of the services, the transmission of data, facsimile, signaling, metering, or other similar communications.

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### 2. APPLICATION OF TARIFF

- 2.1 This tariff contains the regulations and rates applicable to intrastate telecommunications services provided by the Company between points within the State of South Carolina. The Company's services are furnished subject to the availability of facilities and subject to the terms and conditions of this tariff.
- 2.2 The services offered by the Company subject to this tariff consist of furnishing Collect Calls through store and forward technology incorporating an automated operator and the resale of transmission services of other carriers.
- 2.3 Because the services offered hereunder are provided to inmates of a correctional facility or similar institution, special stipulations may apply. These stipulations are designed to preserve the integrity and security of the facility, the safety of the public and to reduce fraud and harassment. When deemed appropriate by the facility administration, these include: providing outward only calls; providing 0+ Collect Calls only for local, intraLATA toll and interLATA toll calls and blocking access to all other types or forms of calls; blocking access to local Directory Assistance (411), long distance Directory Assistance (555-1212), 911 calls, toll free numbers including 1-800, 700, 900, 950, 10XXX and any other telephone numbers the facility administration directs; limiting hours during which telephone service is available to inmates; and/or limiting call duration to a time interval established by the facility administration.

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- 2.4 Service furnished by the Company may be connected with services or facilities of other authorized Common Carriers and with private systems, subject to the technical limitations established by the Company. The services of the Company are not part of a joint undertaking with any other entity providing telecommunications channels, facilities or services, but do involve the resale of the Message Toll Services (MTS) and Wide Area Telecommunications Services (WATS) of underlying Common Carriers who may be subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- 2.5 The rates and regulations contained in this tariff apply only to the services furnished by the Company and do not apply, unless otherwise specified, to the lines, facilities, or services provided by a local exchange telephone company or other Common Carrier for use in accessing the services of the Company.
- 2.6 The Company's obligation to furnish service hereunder is dependent upon its ability to secure and retain, without unreasonable expense, suitable facilities and contractual rights necessary for the provision of the service.

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#### 3. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### 3.1 **Use of Services**

- The Company's services may be used for any lawful purpose consistent with the transmission and switching parameters of the telecommunications facilities utilized in the provision of services.
- The use of the Company's services to make calls which might reasonably be expected 3.1.2 to frighten, abuse, torment, or harass another or in such a way as to unreasonably interfere with use by others is prohibited.
- The use of the Company's services without payment for service or attempting to avoid payment for service is prohibited.
- The Company's services are available for use twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week, except as set forth in Section 2.3 of this tariff.
- 3.1.5 The Company does not transmit messages pursuant to this tariff, but its services may be used for that purpose.
- 3.1.6 The Company's services may be denied for nonpayment of charges or for other violations of this tariff.

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#### 3.2 Liability of the Company

- The Company shall not be liable for loss or damage sustained by reason of any failure or breakdown of facilities associated with the Company's services or for any interruption or delay of services, whatever shall be the cause of such failure. breakdown, or interruption and whether negligent or otherwise and however long it shall last. In no event shall the Company's liability for any services exceed the charges applicable under this tariff for such service.
- The Company shall be indemnified and saved harmless by any Customer or by any other entity against claims for libel, slander or the infringement of copyright arising from the material transmitted over its services; and against all other claims arising out of any act or omission of a Customer or of any other entity in connection with services provided by the Company.
- The Company shall not be liable for any act or omission of any entity furnishing 3.2.3 facilities or services connected with or provided in conjunction with the services of the Company.
- The Company shall not be liable for any personal injury or death of any person or persons, or for any loss or damage sustained by reason of acts, mistakes, omissions, errors or defects in providing its services, whatever shall be the cause and whether negligent or otherwise.
- The Company shall not be liable for and shall be indemnified and saved harmless by any Customer or other entity from any and all loss, claims, demands, suits, or other action or any liability whatever, whether suffered, made, instituted, or asserted by any Customer or any other entity for any personal injury to, or death of, any person or persons, and for any loss, damage, defacement or destruction of the premises of any Customer or any other entity or any other property whether owned or controlled by the Customer or others, caused or claimed to have been caused, directly or indirectly, by any act or omission of the Customer or others or by any installation, operation,

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failure to operate, maintenance, removal, presence, condition, location or use of facilities or equipment provided by the Company. No agents or employees of any other entity shall be deemed to be the agents or employees of the Company.

3.2.6 The Company shall not be liable for any failure of performance due to causes beyond its control, including, without limitation, acts of God, fires, floods or other catastrophes, national emergencies, insurrections, riots or wars, strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties, and any law, order, regulation or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof.

## 3.3 Responsibilities of the Customer and Inmate User

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3.3.1 Except for pre-paid service, the Customer is responsible for payment of applicable charges set forth in this tariff.

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3.3.2 The Customer is responsible for compliance with applicable regulations set forth in this tariff.

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- 3.3.3 The Inmate User is responsible for establishing its identity as often as necessary during the course of a call.
- 3.3.4 The Inmate User is responsible for identifying the station, party, or person with whom communication is desired and/or made at the called number.

#### 3.4 Cancellation or Interruption of Services

- 3.4.1 Without incurring liability the Company may immediately discontinue services or may withhold the provision of ordered or contracted services:
  - 3.4.1.A For nonpayment of any sum due the Company for the services.
  - 3.4.1.B For violation of any of the provisions of this tariff.

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- 3.4.1.C For violation of any law, rule, regulation or policy of any governing authority having jurisdiction over the Company's services, or
- 3.4.1.D By reason of any order or decision of a court, public service commission or federal regulatory body or other governing authority prohibiting the Company from furnishing its services.
- 3.4.2 Without incurring liability, the Company may interrupt the provision of services at any time in order to perform tests and inspections to assure compliance with tariff regulations and the proper installation and operation of the Company's equipment and facilities and may continue such interruption until any items of noncompliance or improper equipment operation so identified are rectified.
- 3.4.3 Service may be discontinued by the Company, without notice, by blocking traffic to certain countries, cities or exchanges, or by blocking calls using certain Authorization Codes, when the Company deems it necessary to take such action to prevent unlawful use of its services, and as set forth in Section 2.3 of this tariff. The Company will restore service as soon as it can be provided without undue risk, and will, upon request by the Inmate User affected, assign a new Authorization Code to replace the one that has been deactivated.
- 3.4.4 The Company may refuse to provide service without prior notice when the Called Party refuses to accept the charges or has subscribed to billed number screening, prohibiting acceptance of such calls.

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#### 4. RATE DETERMINATION

#### 4.1 **Distance Measurements**

The airline mileage between two cities can be calculated using the vertical (V) and horizontal (H) coordinates of the serving wire centers associated with the Company's POP locations. The method for calculating the airline mileage is obtained by reference to AT&T's FCC Tariff according to the following formula:

$$\sqrt{\frac{(VI-V2)^2+(HI-H2)^2}{10}}$$

In the above example, the V1 and H1 correspond to the V&H coordinates of "City 1" and V2 and H2 correspond to the V&H coordinates of "City 2."

#### 4.2 **Call Timing**

Timing of each Collect Call begins when the called party accepts responsibility for the charges and ends when either party hangs up, as determined by standard industry methods in use for ascertaining answer and disconnect, including hardware answer supervision in which the LEC sends a signal to the switch or the software utilizing audio tone detection, or as determined by standard industry methods generally in use for ascertaining answer and disconnect as determined by the underlying Common Carrier for the Company's services, where answer supervision is available. The Company will not knowingly bill for uncompleted calls.

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## 5. PAYMENTS AND CHARGES

# 5.1 Billing Arrangements

- 5.1.1 Charges for services hereunder may be:
  - 5.1.1.A billed directly by the Company,
  - 5.1.1.B included on the Customer's regular home or business telephone bill, pursuant to billing and collection agreements established by the Company or its intermediary with the applicable telephone company.
- 5.1.2 When billing functions on behalf of the Company or its intermediary are performed by local exchange telephone companies or others, the payment of charge conditions and regulations of such companies and any regulations imposed upon these companies by regulatory bodies having jurisdiction apply.
- 5.1.3 The Company's bills are due upon receipt. Amounts not paid within 30 days from the due date of the invoice will be considered past due. A Customer may be assessed a late fee on past due amounts at the maximum lawful rate under applicable state law. If a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Company may require that the Customer pay its bills within a specified number of days and make such payments in cash or the equivalent of cash.
- 5.1.4 Called Parties with questions about invoices may contact the Company directly at 14651 Dallas Parkway, Ste. 600, Dallas Texas, 75254 or at 1.800.559.1535.

  Disputes with respect to charges should be presented to the Company in writing within thirty days from the date the invoice is rendered. All billing disputes will be handled by the Company in compliance with applicable Commission Rules and Regulations. No such disputes will be considered by the Company that do not fully satisfy the applicable statute of limitations.

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5.1.5 In the event the Company incurs fees or expenses, including attorney's fees, in collecting or attempting to collect, any charges owed the Company, the Customer will be liable to the Company for the payment of all such fees and expenses reasonably incurred.

## 5.2 Validation of Credit

The Company reserves the right to validate the creditworthiness of the Customer through available verification procedures. Where a requested billing method cannot be validated, the Company may refuse to provide service.

Services offered pursuant to this tariff are provided to inmates of Confinement Facilities, in accordance with institutionally authorized programs. The Company may request that facilities adopt, as part of the institutionally authorized programs, terms that enable the Company to collect the charges for all inmate calls, including without limitations, the blocking of calls to certain telephone numbers when the amount charged to such telephone number exceeds a predetermined amount.

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# 5.3 Contested Charges

For consideration of any disputed charge, a Customer should submit in writing to the Company, within thirty (30) days of the date the bill is issued, the call details and bases for any requested adjustment. The Company will promptly investigate and advise the Customer as to its findings and disposition.

# 5.4 Returned Check Charge

A charge no to exceed the maximum charge allowed by South Carolina statute may be applied if a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution on which it is written.

# 5.5 Deposits

No advance deposits are required.

# 5.6 Taxes

All federal, state and local taxes (e.g., excise tax, gross receipts tax, sales tax, municipal utilities tax) for calls are billed as separate line items and are not included in the quoted rates.

#### 5.7 Bill Statement Fee

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An undiscountable bill statement fee of \$1.95 may be applied to an end user's local exchange carrier bill in each month in which Collect Calls from Confinement Facilities are billed, regardless of the number of calls accepted. The bill statement fee is a monthly charge to recover some of the Company's expenses associated with calls from Confinement Facilities served by the Company and that are billed through local exchange carriers. No fee will be assessed in any month if no Collect Calls are accepted. This fee will not be assessed on end users that prepay for their services or those that are directly billed by the Company.

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#### 6. CURRENT RATES AND CHARGES

This section sets forth the Company's rates and charges applicable to the Company's intrastate telecommunications service offering. Long distance charges consist of a distance and time sensitive Measured Charge, plus a non-measured (fixed) Service Charge.

# 6.1 InterLATA Rates and Charges

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A Called Party who accepts an interLATA Collect Call originating from a Confinement Facility will be charged an operator Service Charge in the amount of \$3.95 for each Collect Call accepted, plus a Measured Charge in the amount of \$0.55 per minute.

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# 6.2 IntraLATA Rates and Charges

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A Called Party who accepts an intraLATA Collect Call originating from a Confinement Facility will be charged an operator Service Charge in the amount of \$1.25 per Collect Call accepted, plus a Measured Charge in the amount of \$0.33 per minute for a call placed during the day and \$0.1650 per minute for a call placed during evening, night and weekend hours.

Day:

8 AM - 5 PM\*, Monday through Friday

Evening:

5 PM - 11 PM\*, Sunday through Friday

Night/Weekend:

11 PM - 8 AM\*, Sunday through Friday,

all day Saturday, and

8 AM - 5 PM\* Sunday

\* to but not including

# 6.3 Local Rates and Charges

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A Called Party who accepts a local Collect Call originating from a Confinement Facility will be charged an operator Service Charge in the amount of \$0.70 per Collect Call accepted, plus the local call rate in the amount of \$0.95 per call.

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### 7. PREPAID SERVICES

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## 7.1 Prepaid Calling Cards and Debit Accounts

Where offered by the Confinement Facility, Inmates may either purchase a Prepaid Calling Card or set up a Prepaid Debit Account for calls made by the Inmate User or Authorized User. Prepaid Calling Cards and Debit Accounts provide an alternative method to make calls and are designed for those Inmates who prefer to prepay for their calls. Calls are made by dialing a special access dialing sequence that connects directly to the Company's network at the Confinement Facility. A valid Authorization Code must be entered to access the account.

The Company's system automatically informs the Inmate User or Authorized User of the Prepaid Balance remaining on the Prepaid Calling Card or in the Prepaid Debit Account, and provides prompts to place the call by entering the destination telephone number with area code. Network usage is deducted from the Prepaid Balance on a real time basis as the call progresses. Applicable state taxes and fees are included in the rates and charges for the calls made. On Prepaid Calling Card and Prepaid Debit Account calls, when the Prepaid Balance is one minute prior to depletion, the Inmate User or Authorized User will be interrupted with such an announcement.

Prepaid Calling Card and Debit Account services are available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days per week to all terminating locations serviced. Access to such telephone services by an Inmate User may be subject to time-of-day and usage restrictions imposed by individual Confinement Facilities. No minimum service period applies. For debiting purposes, call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment. Usage charges are computed and rounded up to the nearest one (1) cent on a per call basis. Prepaid Balances are not charged for incomplete calls.

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# 7. Prepaid Services (cont).

## 7.1.A. Prepaid Calling Cards

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The Confinement Facilities that offer the option of Prepaid Calling Cards may purchase Prepaid Calling Cards directly from the Company. Inmates then purchase the Cards from authorized personnel at the Confinement Facilities. The Company does not engage in direct monetary transactions with the Inmate. The Inmate may purchase a Prepaid Calling Card in denominations determined by the Confinement Facility. Prepaid Calling Cards are offered only to Inmates at Confinement Facilities and not to the general public. Prepaid Calling Cards are valid for one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of first usage. Unused Prepaid Balances may be used by the Inmate User or Authorized User following release from the Confinement Facility only through the Company's network by dialing a special toll free access number which automatically connects the call to the Company's network. Unused Prepaid Balances are not refundable nor may Prepaid Calling Cards be replenished upon the depletion of the Prepaid Balance. Inmate may purchase additional cards, as permitted by their Confinement Facility.

# 7.1.B. Prepaid Debit Accounts

For a Prepaid Debit Account, the Inmate may set up the account through the Confinement Facility administrators with an initial payment typically through the Inmate's commissary account, in those Confinement Facilities where this service is available. Upon the depletion of the Prepaid Balance, the Prepaid Debit Account may be replenished by depositing funds into the Account via the Confinement Facility administrator. Prepaid Debit Accounts are considered dormant if there is no activity for one hundred eighty (180) days following the last call made. Inactive accounts will be removed from the Company's system. In conjunction with their release from the Confinement Facility, the Inmate may request a refund from the Confinement Facility administrator.

# 7.1.C. Prepaid Calling Card and Debit Account Rates

The rates listed below are applicable to the Company's Prepaid Calling Card and Debit Account Services. For billing purposes, call timing is rounded up to the next full minute increment. No time of day, holiday or volume discounts apply. The Per Minute rates listed below are inclusive of all applicable taxes.

Per minute usage rate:

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#### 7. Prepaid Services (cont).

#### 7.2 **AdvanceConnect Accounts**

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End Users who prefer to pay in advance for Collect Calls that originate from Confinement Facilities, or else if the End User's local exchange carrier does not have a billing and collection agreement with the Company or its intermediary, may set up an AdvanceConnect Account with the Company with a minimum initial fifty dollar (\$50) payment. The Account is set up with the initial payment and may be replenished by the End User. Applicable state taxes and fees are calculated and deducted from the AdvanceConnect Balance at the conclusion of the call.

When the balance in an AdvanceConnect Account reaches twenty dollars (\$20) or below, the End User will receive an automated courtesy call from the Company notifying the End User with such an announcement. If the End User's balance reaches zero prior to replenishment of the Account, the End User will be blocked from receiving further calls from any Confinement Facility served by the Company until the balance is replenished or an alternative billing arrangement is made.

The End User may request a refund of the available balance in the AdvanceConnect Account either by written request to the Company or by contacting the Company at its toll free telephone number once the End User verifies certain account information. Any such unused balances will expire in one hundred eighty (180) days following the last call made, unless the balance is either fully depleted or a refund has been requested. No refunds of unused balances will be issued after the expiration date.

AdvanceConnect Account service is available twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week to all terminating locations served. Access to such services by the Inmate User may be subject to time-of-day and usage restrictions imposed by individual Confinement Facilities. No minimum service period applies. For debiting purposes, call timing is rounded up to the nearest one (1) minute increment. Usage charges are computed and rounded up to the nearest one (1) cent on a per call basis. Balances are not charged for incomplete calls.

# 7.2.A. AdvanceConnect Account Rates

The rates for AdvanceConnect Account are the same as those for automated Collect Call service.

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#### 8. MARKETING OF SERVICES

As a telephone utility under the regulation of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, the Company hereby asserts and affirms that as a reseller of intrastate telecommunications service, it will not indulge or participate in deceptive or misleading telecommunications marketing practices to the detriment of consumers in South Carolina, and it will comply with those marketing procedures, if any, set forth by the Public Service Commission. Additionally, it will be responsible for the marketing practices of its contracted telemarketers for compliance with this provision. It understands that violation of this provision could result in a rule to show cause as to the withdrawal of its certification to complete intrastate telecommunications traffic within the state of South Carolina.

## 9. CONTRACT SERVICES

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At the option of the Company, service may be offered on a contract basis to meet specialized requirements of the Confinement Facility not contemplated in this tariff. The terms of each contract shall be mutually agreed upon between the Confinement Facility and Company and may include discounts off of rates contained herein, waiver of recurring or nonrecurring charges, charges for specially designed and constructed services not contained in the Company's general service offerings, or other customized features. The terms of the contract may be based partially or completely on the term and volume commitment, type of originating or terminating access, or a mixture of services for other distinguishing features. Service shall be available to all similarly situated Confinement Facilities for a fixed period of time following the initial offering to the first Confinement Facility as specified in each individual contract.

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